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PREFACE.

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This Catechism was compiled over 20 years since for the use of Sunday Schools which are attended by children of different denominations.

The Compiler is much gratified to learn that it has so well answered the end for which it was intended, that it has obtained an extensive circulation, not only on this Continent; but has also been translated into the Chinese language, and used by Missionaries in that far distant Land. The sincere milk of the Word has been arranged for the nourishment of the tender babes, that their opening minds may be thus early stored with those precious truths that with the Divine blessing may make them wise unto salvation.

In Sabbath Schools this Catechism may be used as subjects for proofs for the use of elder pupils.

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5. Is a new heart promised to those who ask it?

A new heart will be given to those who ask for it.

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS.

6. Does Christ say those are blessed who get the new heart and the right spirit?

LITTLE CHILDREN.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matt. v. 8.

1. Does Jesus love little children?

I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me. Prov. viii. 17.

2. What does God ask you to give him?

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. Prov. xxiii. 26.

3. Does the kind Saviour invite little children to come to him?

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Luke xviii. 16.

Now, therefore, hearken unto me; ye children of the blessed are they that keep my ways. Prov. viii. 32.

7. Who sent Christ into this world to die for sinners?

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. li. 10.

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6. Does Christ say those are blessed who get the new heart and the right spirit ?

Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God. Matt. v. 8.

Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. v. 3.

7. Whom are children told to remember ?

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Ec. xii. 1.

8. How can it be known whether a child has got a new heart ?

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. Prov. xx. 11.

9. Who sent Christ into this world to die for sinners ?

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him

should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John iii. 16.

10. How can we get eternal life ?

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life ; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
John iii. 36.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me shall never die. John. xi. 25. 26.

11. What does Christ say about conversion ?

Jesus answered and said, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. John iii. 3.

Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Matt. xviii. 3.

12. What converts the soul ?

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Ps. xix. 7.

13. Does God promise to teach children ?

Come ye children, hearken unto me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Ps. xxxiv. 11.

14. What does the fear of God teach ?

And now Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy soul. Deut. x. 12.

15. Is love to God required ?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

16. What is promised to those who love and serve the Lord ?

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me : and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John 14. 21.

17. What proof does Christ require of this love ?

If a man love me he will keep my words. John xiv. 15.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. John xiv. 15.

THE SHEPHERD AND HIS FLOCK.

1. Who is the Shepherd ?

I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John x. 11.

2. Who are the Sheep ?

And he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. John x. 3.

3. Do the sheep know Christ ?

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John x. 27.

4. Is Christ's flock large ?

Fear not little flock : it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke xii. 22.

5. What has Christ promised to do for the lambs of his flock ?

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd ; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Is. xl. 11.

6. Does Christ feed his flock?

I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord. Ez. xxxiv. 15.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Ps. xxiii. 1.



THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

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1. Does God see and know all things ?

Thou God seest me. Gen. xvi. 17.

For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. Job. xxxiv. 21.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good. Prov. xv. 3.

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him ? Saith the Lord. Jer. xxiii. 24.

2. Is God everlasting ?

The Lord is the true God he is the living God and everlasting King. Jer. x. 10.

3. Is he a God of wisdom ?

O Lord how manifold are thy works ! in wisdom hast thou made them all : the earth is full of thy riches. Ps. civ. 24.

To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever, amen. Rom. xvi. 27.

4. Is he a God of truth ?

A God of truth, and without iniquity, just and

right in the Lord. Deut. xxxii. 4.

Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
Is. xxv. 1.

1. Does God see and know all things?

5. Is he a God of Holiness?

Yea, he shall be holy for I am holy. Lev. xix. 14.

There is none holy as the Lord. 1 Sam. ii. 2.

6. Is God just and righteous?

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and
holy in all his works. Ps. cix. 17.

7. Is God merciful and kind?

The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gra-
cious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness
and truth. Ex. xxxiv. 6.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous: yea, our
God is merciful. Ps. cxvi. 5.

8. Is God able to do as he pleaseth?

Whatsoever the Lord pleased that did he in
heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep
places. Ps. cxxxv. 6.

9. Are all creatures dependent upon God's
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In whose hand is the soul of every living thing,
and the breath of all mankind. Job xii. 10.

For in him we live and move and have our
being. Acts xvii. 28.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he
shall preserve thy soul. Ps. cxxi. 7.



THE BIBLE.

1. Is the Bible inspired ?

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2. Tim. iii. 16.

Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter i. 21.

2. Is the Word of God to be studied ?

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. John v. 39.

Therefore, shall ye lay up these words in your heart, and in your soul. Deut. xi. 18.

3. Is hearing or reading the Word all that is required ?

But he said, Yea, rather blessed are that have the Word of God and keep it. Luke xi. 28.

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed. Jas. i. 25.

12. Are Parents to teach their children the Scriptures ?

And ye shall teach them to your children speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Deut. xi.19.



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THE SABBATH.

1. When did God institute the Sabbath?

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it, he had rested from all his work which God created and made. Gen. ii 3.

2. Does God command the Sabbath to be kept?

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Ex. xx. 8.

Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord. Lev. xix 30.

3. Is God's blessing promised to those who reverence the Sabbath?

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the Son of man that layeth hold on it, that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Is. lii. 2.

4. Is God angry with Sabbath breakers?

They polluted my Sabbaths; then I said I would pour out my fury upon them. Ezk. xx. 21.

CHILDREN'S DUTIES.

1. Whom are children to honor and obey?

Honor thy Father and thy Mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Ex. xx. 12.

Hearken unto thy Father that begot thee; and despise not thy Mother when she is old. Prov. xxiii. 22.

Children obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Col. iii. 20.

Children obey your parents, in the Lord for this is right. Ep. vi. 1.

2. Are children to be punished who disobey or dishonor their parents?

The eye that mocketh his father, and despiseth his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it, out, and the young eagles shall eat it. Prov. xxx. 17.

Cursed is he that setteth light by his father or his mother: And all the people shall say, Amen. Deut. xxvii. 16.

3. Is lying forbidden in the word of God?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from

speaking guile. Ps. xxxiv. 13.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Ex. xx. 16.

4. Is lying hateful to God ?

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are his delight. Pro. xii. 22.

5. Are liars to be punished ?

All liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. Rev. xxi. 8.

A false witness shall not go unpunished : and he that speaketh lies shall perish. Prov. xix. 9.

6. Is swearing forbidden ?

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain : for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Ex. xx. 7.

Ye shall not swear by my name falsely neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God : I am the Lord. Lev. xx. 12.

Let your communication be, yea, yea ; nay, nay ; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. Matt. v. 37.

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Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. Lev. xix 11.

Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busy body in other men's matters. 1 Pet. iv. 15.

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1. Cor. vi. 10.

8. Is much injury done by the tongue ?

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. Prov. xviii. 21.

The tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things.

Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth. Jas. iii. 5.

9. Is the tongue to be bridled ?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Ps. xxxiv. 13.

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise. Prov. x. 19.

10. Is tale bearing forbidden ?

Thou shalt not go down as a tale bearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the Lord. Lev. xix. 16.

11. Are slander and backbiting forbidden?

Speak not evil, one of another, brethern. Jas. iv. 11.

To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. Titus iii. 2.

12. What is the Scripture rule for conversation?

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Eph. iv. 29.

13. What must be laid aside?

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile and hypocrisies, and envies and evil speakings. 1 Peter ii. 1.

14. Are the wicked to be envied?

Be thou not envious against evil men. neither

desire to be with them. Prov. xxiv. 1.

Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. Ps. xxxvii. 1.

15. Are evil companions to be avoided ?

Be not deceived ; evil communications corrupt good manners. 1 Cor. xv. 33.

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Prov. 1. 10.

16. How is temptation to sin to be overcome ?

Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. Matt. xxvi. 41.

Resist the devil and he will flee from thee. Jas. iv. 7.

17. What is said of intemperance in the Scripture ?

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink that continue until night, till wine inflame them. Isaiah v. 11.

18. What are the works of the flesh ?

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like : of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. v. 19. 20.

19. What are the fruits of the Spirit ?

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. Gal. v. 22. 23.

20. Is a gentle and quiet spirit commended ?

A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger. Prov. xv. 1.

Depart from evil, and do good ; seek peace and pursue it. Ps. xxxiv. 14.

21. How are the young to behave to the aged ?

Thou shalt rise before the hoary head and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God : I am the Lord your God. Lev. xix. 32.

22. Is courtesy enjoined in Scripture ?

Finally be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethern be pitiful be courteous. 1 Pet iii. 8.

23. Is activity enjoined?

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with all thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest. Ec. ix. 10.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand, but the hand of the diligent maketh rich Prov. x. 4.

24. Are forbearance and forgiveness commanded?

For what glory is it, if when ye be buffeted for your faults ye take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently this is acceptable with God. 1 Pet. ii. 20.

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you so also do ye. Col. iii. 13.

Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ep. iv. 32.

25. Is self-denial required ?

Then said Jesus unto his disciples if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matt. 16. 24.

26. Is humility pleasing to God ?

God resisteth the proud but he giveth grace to the humble. Jas. iv. 6.

By humility, and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life. Prov. xxii. 4.

27. Is hospitality enjoined ?

Use hospitality one to another without grudging. 1 Peter iv. 9.

Distributing to the necessity of saints : given to hospitality. Rom. xii. 13.

28. Is love to man an essential duty ?

Owe no man anything, but to love one another ; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Rom. xiii. 8.

Now abideth faith, hope, charity, but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Cor. xiii. 13.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this ; thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Gal. v. 14.

PRAYER.

1. Does God hear prayer ?

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. Ps. xxxiv. 15.

2. Does God answer prayer ?

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John xiv. 13.

Ask, and it shall be given you : seek, and ye shall find : knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matt. vii. 7.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him. Matt vii. 11.

3. What are we to ask from God ?

Create in me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. li. 10.

4. In what spirit is prayer to be offered ?

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Matt. vi. 12.

I waited patiently for the Lord : and he inclined unto me and heard my cry. Ps. xl. 1.

3. What was Christ's prayer for sinners ?

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they do. Luke xxiii. 34.

14. What should be a sinners prayer for himself ?

God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke xviii. 13.

DEATH.

1. Must we all die ?

For we must needs all die . . . neither has God any respect to persons. 2 Sam. xiv. 14.

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For we are but of yesterday and know nothing.
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For the wind passeth over it and it is gone ;
and the place thereof shall know it no more Ps.
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3. Has death terrors for those who love God ?

O death, where is thy sting ? O grave where
is thy victory ? 1 Cor. xv. 55.

For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain.
Ph. i. 21.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death
of his saints. Ps. xvi. 15.

4. Has death terrors for the wicked ?

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of
the living God. Heb. x. 31.

5. Is preparation for death required ?

So teach us to number our days, that we may
apply our hearts unto wisdom. Ps. xc. 12.

Therefore be ye also ready ; for in such an
hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
Matt. xxiv. 44.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS.

1. What is great gain ?

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing let us therewith be content. 1 Tim. vi. 6, 7, 8.

2. Why are the righteous not to be afraid ?

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not nor be afraid of them : for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deut. xxxi. 6.

3. In what way does God bring us to himself?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life : no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

4. What remaineth to the people of God ?

There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God. Heb. vi. 9.

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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. Rev. xxi. 4.

6. Where are treasures to be laid up ?

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Matt. vi. 20.

7. On what things are the affections to be set ?

Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. iii. 2.

8. Why are afflictions sent to God's children?

Before I was afflicted I went astray ; but now I have kept thy word. Ps. cxix. 67.

Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. Heb. xii. 6.

9. Who have peace ?

Great peace have they, which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them. Ps. cxix. 165.

10. Are the wicked strangers to peace ?

Destruction and misery are in their ways.
And the way of peace have they not known.
Rom. i. 16. 17.

11. What shall become of the wicked ?

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all
the nations that forget God. Ps. ix. 17.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment ; but the righteous into life eternal.
Matt. xxv. 26.

12. Who is happy ?

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and
the man that getteth understanding. Prov. iiii. 13.

13. What shall Christ say to those on his right hand ?

Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the
Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation
of the world. Matt. xxv. 34.

14. Has the Lord any pleasure in the death of the wicked ?

Say unto them, as I live saith the Lord, I

have no pleasure in the death of the wicked ;
but that the wicked turn from his way and live,
Ezek. xxxiv. 11.

15. What are the wages of sin ?

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God
is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rom. vi. 23.

16. What is Christ doing for his people in
heaven ?

In my Father's house are many mansions, if
it were not so I would have told you, I go and
prepare a place for you. John. xiv. 2.

It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen
again, who is even at the right hand of God, who
also maketh intercession for us. Rom. viii. 34.

17. To whom did Jesus first appear, when he
rose from the dead ?

Jesus saith unto her, (Mary) Touch me not
for I am not yet ascended to my Father ; but go
to my brethern and say to them, I ascend unto
my Father, and your Father : and to my God
and your God. John xx. 17.

18. What was Jesus' last act ?

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. Luke xxiv. 50.

19. Will Christ come again ?

And the Lord my God will come, and all the saints with thee. Zec. xiv. 5.

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe. 1. Thes. i. 10.

20. What effect should a belief in the second coming of Christ produce ?

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 2 Peter. iii. 14.



HYMN I.

*" If ye shall ask anything in my name
I will do it."*

Jesus, high in glory,
Lend a listening ear ;
When we bow before Thee,
Infant voices hear.

Though Thou art so holy,
Heaven's Almighty King,
Thou wilt stoop to listen
When Thy praise we sing.

We are little children,
Weak and apt to stray ;
Saviour ! guide and keep us
In the heavenly way.

Save us, Lord, from sinning,
Watch us day by day ;
Help us now to love Thee,
Take our sins away.

Then, when Jesus calls us
To our heavenly home,
We would gladly answer ;
Saviour, Lord we come !

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HYMN II.

We'll give our hearts to Jesus,
 And learn his name to praise
 The blessed Bible tells us, how
 Pleasant are his ways,
 We'll give our hearts to Jesus
 In sunny childhood hours,
 When life is like the spring time,
 And full of buds and flowers.

Cho.—And when we safely anchor
 On Canaan's happy shore
 To Him be all the glory
 And praise forevermore.

We'll give our hearts to Jesus,
 Our best and dearest Friend,
 He, like a gentle shepherd
 Will guide us to the end ;
 In green and fragrant pastures,
 His little flock will lead
 Beside the quiet waters
 Supplying all we need.

We'll give our hearts to Jesus,
 Who died that we might live,
 Our hearts though weak and sinful,
 Are all we have to give.
 The simple prayer of childhood
 Our God will ne'er despise ;
 A lowly, contrite spirit,
 Is precious in his eyes.

